

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

(The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod)



“How to Make the New Year “New””

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The Baptism of Our Lord

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Welcome to God's House!

The Mission of Gloria Dei is Caring. Sharing. Serving. Reaching.

We strive to be the local church in the community of Northeast Minneapolis, who are here to help people come to KNOW Jesus, GROW in their faith and GO into the world equipped to SERVE others. GLORY TO GOD!

Today's Topic: Growing and becoming a better reflection of Christ Jesus in the new year.

A special welcome to visitors and guests; we are pleased that you have joined us today! If you have no church family, and if we can be of any help to you, please speak with Pastor Martin after the service or via email. We pray you will feel God's love for you and be empowered to live as God's child this week. We look forward to seeing you again.

Please take a moment to pray that God will bless your time in His house and that your worship this evening would be in **"Spirit and in Truth!"** May our worship help you experience the peace which comes from knowing that you have been reconciled with your heavenly Father through faith in His Son, Jesus Christ.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated.

When we receive the true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ,

- we express the belief that Jesus is the Son of God and Son of Man;
- that Jesus is our Savior and only way for salvation;
- that Jesus offers us His Body and Blood in a mysterious yet real way;
- that Christ's sacrificial death grants the forgiveness of our sins;
- and that God is strengthening us in this Sacrament to live a more godly; life and to amend with the help of the Holy Spirit, those areas not in conformity with God's will.

We declare these statements because it is our concern for people to not be hypocritical between their faith and celebrate the blessings of God's Table at the Altar. Persons unable to approach the Altar may be communed in the pew, please notify the Pastor or Elder if you wish this service.

Join us on Wednesday, January 10 at 11 am for Bible Study with a short service, followed by Fellowship **OR** on Thursday, January 11 at 5:30 pm "Knowing the Bible" bible study.

Everyone is welcome!

The Baptism of Our Lord

AS WE GATHER: No matter what your experiences were this past year, the fact remains that God is still faithful! Seasons and circumstances may change, but your God remains the same yesterday, today and forever.

+ CONNECT +

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SOLO

"It is No Secret"

Karmon Christopherson

INVOCATION

L: Our worship begins the way our lives in Christ begin in baptism: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF OUR SINS

L: Let us confess our sins unto god our heavenly father.

C: **O Lord our God, you know the ways this past year in which our lives have not represented truth and knowledge. You know the times in which we struggled to be warm and caring and the times when we did not choose goodness. Forgive us for those times when our lives did not reflect your love. Lord, you are the Way, the Truth, and the Life. You are our hope and our King. You are our resurrected Lord. You are the one who forgives our sins. You are the one who loves us more deeply that we can ever imagine. Teach us to live like You. Amen.**

FORGIVENESS IS ANNOUNCED

+ NURTURE +

SONG OF PRAISE "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" LSB 940 vs 1, 2, 4, 5

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Holy God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we bow before Thee.
All on earth Thy scepter claim, all in heav'n above adore Thee.
Infinite Thy vast domain, everlasting is Thy reign.

Hark! The glad celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and seraphim, in unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord: Holy, holy, holy Lord!

Thou art King of Glory Christ; Son of God, yet born of Mary
For us sinners sacrificed, as to death a Tributary,
First to break the bars of death, Thou hast opened heav'n to faith.

Holy Father, holy Son, Holy Spirit, three we name Thee.
Though in essence only one, undivided God we claim Thee.
And adoring, bend the knee, while we own the mystery.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 29:11

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

The New Life

Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. But that is not the way you learned Christ!—assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 11:28-30

L: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord!**

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ!**

HYMN OF THE DAY

"How Deep the Fathers Love For Us"

Stuart Townend, 1995 Thankyou Music; admin. EMI Christian Music CCLI # 1558110

How deep the Father's love for us, How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son, To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss, The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the chosen One, Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross, My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice, Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that left Him there, Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life, I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything, No gifts, no power, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ransom

MESSAGE "How to Make The New Year "New"" Pastor Matthew Cephus

CONFESSION OF FAITH: Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

GATHERING OF THE OFFERINGS

+ EMPOWER +

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

(Prayer response – P: Lord, in your mercy, C: Hear our prayer.)

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

PREFACE TO HOLY COMMUNION

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

L: It is our duty and delight at all times and everywhere to give thanks to You, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for You have enlightened us by the working of the Holy Spirit. Grant that the Spirit, who has called and gathered us, would guide us in all things, that we be enabled to speak the Gospel to others and rejoice in sharing the gift of salvation that is our treasure. This we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, with You and the Holy Spirit, is one God, through whom with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take this, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you, Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy, You would strengthen us through the same, in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

CLOSING SONG

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer"

LSB 918

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Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy pow'rful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer, be Thou still my strength and shield;
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to Thee.
I will ever give to Thee.

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

+ Silent Prayer +

POSTLUDE

+ WE DEPART TO SERVE +

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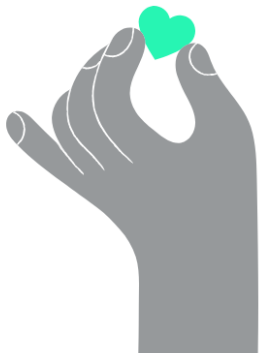
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OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

1/07 Sun

The Baptism of Our Lord

10:00 am **Worship with Holy Communion,
w/Vacancy Pastor Matthew Cephus of Royal Family**

11:45 am Royal Family Worship Service

3:00 pm Alpha Session

6:00 pm NA

1/08 Mon

5:30 pm Beginners AIAnon

7:00 pm AIAnon

1/10 Wed

11:00 am **Mid-Week Service and Bible Study w/Fellowship**

1/11 Thurs

5:30 pm **"Knowing the Bible" Bible Study**

1/12 Fri

5:00 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal

1/13 Sat

10:00 am Living Word Worship & Fellowship

6:00 pm Living Word Prayer Night

1/14 Sun

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

10:00 am **Worship with Holy Communion,
w/Vacancy Pastor Matthew Cephus of Royal Family**

11:45 am Royal Family Worship Service

3:00 pm Alpha Session

6:00 pm NA

SERVING TODAY

Elder: Karmon Christopherson

Reading: KatieBeth Carlson

Ushers: Dale Raschke and Wade Billmeyer

Altar Care: Patty and Tom Lyrenmann

Counters: Dale Raschke and Wade Billmeyer

Attendance 12/31/2023: 22



TODAY'S LUTHERAN HOUR

January 7

"As We Forgive"

(Matthew 6:12; Luke 11:4)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Dr. Michael Zeigler discusses forgiveness--what it is and what it isn't.

NEXT WEEK ON THE LUTHERAN HOUR

January 14

"How Could She Ever Forgive Him?"

(Matthew 18:27)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Dr. Michael Zeigler explains why it's not a contradiction to offer forgiveness while insisting on justice.

On Sunday mornings, listen on 830 AM WCCO AM at 6:05 am, or 1110 AM, Omaha, at 6:30 am, or XM 170 Satellite Radio on Sundays at noon or listen anytime at www.lutheranhour.org

STEWARDSHIP: *Baptism of Our Lord*

Matthew 3:14 – “John would have prevented him, saying, ‘I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?’” John is right — what Jesus is doing makes no sense! But this is the upside-down, outlandish grace of God: the innocent Jesus takes our sinner’s place. This is the greatest act of giving the world has ever known or will know: the Father gives His Son to die in the place of sinners.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:

“What is it that is essential for your life this New Year? What gifts do you cherish? Certainly, Jesus is the most precious gift we have! Let Him shine through your whole life this year. Take Him with you everywhere. Remember whose family you belong to! Cling to Jesus, our Father’s Son this New Year! Our Father goes with you and promises His blessings, now and forever!” *Rev. Darren Green, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Main Street Living airs each Sunday at 9 am on WFTC Channel 29/9-2 with an episode of *This Is the Life*. This week’s episode is **“The Other Wiseman.”** Another Magi, making his journey to the Christ child, encounters others and shows kindness along the way. The worship service begins at 9:30 am with Rev. Paul Sajban from The Lutheran Church of Our Savior in Windom, MN, presenting a message titled, **“The Blessed Exchange, based on Mark 1:4-11.”** For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com select the “Twin Cities” tab.

BIRTHDAYS: 13th Tiffani Martinez

ANNIVERSARIES: None

ETERNAL CANDLE: Open

FLOWERS: Christmas Poinsettias

PRAYER CONCERNS

Memorial Service for Vicki's husband, Greg Henderson, who passed away December 21, will be held on Saturday, January 20, here at Gloria Dei. Visitation will begin at 1 pm with the service starting at 1:30 pm, lunch will follow.

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Robert & Delores Kluwe, Larry Schlais, Lillian Troiden and all our shut-ins

Jerry Mayer (Wenda Schwoch's BF's husband) passed away Jan 2 after a short stay in hospice. May his family/friends feel the light of the Lord's blessing and comfort.

Nick Heille (Sandy Westling's family friend) was called home to the Lord on 12/24/23. May the Lord bless the entire family and bring them peace.

Anna Pederson (Jan Gaddes' friend) was killed in a car accident in FL, while there helping her mother who has cancer. Prayers for her family and friends.

John (Meridel and Patty's brother) transplanted kidney issues, continued prayers

Butch Morelli – Blocked carotid artery, surgery postponed; continued prayers

Yvonne Pawlowicz (Wenda's sister) surgery for cancerous brain tumor and benign cyst went well, new complications, continued prayers

Amy Rich (Morelli's DnL) – successful surgery for recent breast cancer diagnoses, treatment to follow

Cory – Tom & Patty's nephew – Open heart surgery, now recovering

Nonie Wakeman (Shirley Slagle's SnL) diagnosed with Lung Cancer

Karen (Karmon's sister) Recently diagnosed with cancer (Warren's wife)

James Norman, Sr. (James' dad) Being treated for Stage 4 cancer

Kurt Nowacki (Bruce & Julie Cross' Brother-in-Law) recently diagnosed with 'myopathy,' a degenerative muscle disease

Jeremy (Patty and Meridel's niece, Mandy's husband) prayers for recovery

Rod DeKam (Dale's brother in law) has pancreatic cancer

Bruce (Wenda Schwoch's BiL has stage 4 prostate cancer and **Ashley** (Wenda's niece) continued prayers

John (Karmon/Meridel SnL) has been diagnosed with chronic myelogenous leukemia (CML), prayers for good results on continued cancer treatments

Roxie Johnson (Morelli's niece) heart issues, pacemaker implanted, continued prayers

Warren (Karmon's BnL) Receiving chemo and radiation for Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma

Ty (Wade Billmeyer's Friend of a friend) continued prayers

Amy Price (Morelli's niece) – treatments for stage 4 cancer

For First Responders/Health Care Workers, including James Norman, an ICU nurse

THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY IN DANGEROUS AREAS

Mark Your Calendars! It is with delight and excitement we announce **Pastor Matthew Cephus** will be installed at Gloria Dei on January 21, 2024 at 3 pm. Please plan to attend this joyful event.

Sign-up sheets for **2024 Altar Care, Ushers, Flowers and Candles** can be found on the entryway bulletin board. Sign up for the weeks that work best with your schedule. Flowers can be ordered through the Church at a cost of \$28 per bouquet plus \$12 delivery fee, or feel free to bring in your own. You will be billed directly from the Church office if you order flowers. Candles are \$6.

Happy New Year!

Please begin using your new 2024 envelopes. You can simply toss-out or recycle any remaining envelopes you have left-over from 2023. Thank you!

A DAILY DEVOTION FOR ALL!

Start your day. End your day. Take a break in the middle of the day. No matter when you need it, Portals of Prayer inspires you to live each day in Jesus' name. Within your envelope box is an envelope for **Portals of Prayer** payment. Each daily devotion includes a Bible reading, meditation and prayer to apply to your daily life, published in multiple sizes and formats – note the slight cost increase for this year's subscription. Pocket size (regular print) is **\$9.36**, digest-size is **\$19.30** and large print is **\$20.50**. Please use the designated envelope when you make your payment. *Thank you!*

Alpha Sessions, You're Invited!

Alpha is a place to connect with other people who are open to exploring life, faith and meaning. Each session includes a time to connect with others (often over a free meal), hear a short talk on an element of the Christian faith and then a chance for each person to share their own questions with the group. We'd love to hear your perspective! Sessions take place right here at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 3014 McKinley Street NE, Minneapolis, **Sundays, January 7 – March 24 from 3 – 5 pm.**

Free Drive-Through Community Dinner at St. Timothy's January 9th

Drive Thru Community Dinner – 2nd Tuesday of each month – 5-6:30 pm (or until the food is gone). Free and all are welcome!

St. Timothy's is located at 825 51st Ave NE, Columbia Heights.